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# California Presidential Primary Election Tuesday June 7, 2016

Polls Are Open From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
on Election Day!

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## Certificate of Correctness

I, Alex Padilla, Secretary of State of the State of California, do hereby certify that the measure included herein will be submitted to the electors of the State of California at the Primary Election to be held throughout the State on June 7, 2016, and that this guide has been correctly prepared in accordance with the law. Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State in Sacramento, California, this 14th day of March, 2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alex Padilla".

Alex Padilla, Secretary of State



# Secretary of State

Dear Fellow Californian,

There is no greater right than the right to vote. Through voting, you help select your local, state, and national leaders, and ensure that your voice is heard.

The Presidential Primary Election is fast approaching. Participate in your most fundamental right as a citizen of the United States of America.

The Voter Guide can help you make informed decisions on Election Day. It includes impartial analysis, arguments in favor and against ballot measures, declarations of the candidates, and other important information.

All of this is presented here as a reference for you. This guide is also available online at the California Secretary of State website: [www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov](http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov).

Please take the time to read the information in this guide carefully to prepare for Election Day. If you would like to know who is financing each of the campaigns, you can search campaign finance information at: [powersearch.sos.ca.gov](http://powersearch.sos.ca.gov).

If you have any questions about how to vote, or how to register to vote, you can contact the office of the Secretary of State by calling toll free 1-800-345-VOTE (8683).

To obtain the contact information of your local county elections officials, you can visit the Secretary of State website at: [www.sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices](http://www.sos.ca.gov/county-elections-offices).

Thank you for your commitment to the future of California. The Presidential Primary Election is June 7. Your vote is important. Remember, your vote is your voice. Be heard. VOTE!

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## U.S. Presidential Candidates

Information on candidates running for President will be available on the Secretary of State's Voter Information Guide website. Visit [www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov](http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov) for more details.

## Visit the Secretary of State's Website to:

- Research campaign contributions and lobbying activity  
[cal-access.sos.ca.gov](http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov) OR  
[powersearch.sos.ca.gov](http://powersearch.sos.ca.gov)
- View this voter guide in other languages  
[www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov](http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov)
- Find your polling place on Election Day  
[www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place)
- Get vote-by-mail ballot information  
[www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail)
- Read helpful information for first-time voters  
[www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-california](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-california)
- Watch live election results after polls close on Election Day  
<http://vote.sos.ca.gov>

# VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

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## YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

- 1** **The right to vote if you are a registered voter.**  
You are eligible to vote if you are:
  - a U.S. citizen living in California
  - at least 18 years old
  - registered where you currently live
  - not in prison or on parole for a felony
- 2** **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.** You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
- 3** **The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
- 4** **The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
- 5** **The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:
  - Ask an elections official at a polling place** for a new ballot; or
  - Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot** for a new one at an elections office, or at your polling place; or
  - Vote using a provisional ballot,** if you do not have your original vote-by-mail ballot.
- 6** **The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
- 7** **The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place** in the county where you are registered to vote.
- 8** **The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
- 9** **The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
- 10** **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.
  - 🖥️ On the web at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)
  - 📞 By phone at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**
  - ✉️ By email at [elections@sos.ca.gov](mailto:elections@sos.ca.gov)

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**IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN DENIED ANY OF THESE RIGHTS, CALL THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S  
CONFIDENTIAL TOLL-FREE VOTER HOTLINE AT (800) 345-VOTE (8683).**

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**Pull out this Reference Guide and take it with you to the polls!**

This pull-out reference guide contains summary and contact information for each state proposition appearing on the June 7, 2016, ballot.



### Special Notice

- Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the day indicated in the posted sample ballot.
- Instructions on how to vote can be obtained from a poll worker or by reading your sample ballot booklet.
- New voters may be asked to provide identification or other documentation according to federal law. You have the right to cast a provisional ballot, even if you do not provide the documentation.
- Only eligible voters can vote.
- It is against the law to tamper with voting equipment.

# QUICK-REFERENCE GUIDE

**PROP  
50**

## SUSPENSION OF LEGISLATORS. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

### SUMMARY

Authorizes Legislature to suspend Members, including without salary and benefits. Prohibits suspended Members from using powers of office or legislative resources. Provides suspension may end on specified date or by vote of Member's house. Fiscal Impact: No effect on state spending in most years. Minor state savings in some years.

### WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

**YES** A YES vote on this measure means: The State Constitution would be amended to require a two-thirds vote of the Senate or Assembly in order to suspend a state legislator. The Senate or Assembly could eliminate that legislator's salary and benefits during the suspension.

**NO** A NO vote on this measure means: The Senate or Assembly could still suspend a legislator with a majority vote. The suspended legislator, however, would continue to receive a state salary and benefits.

### ARGUMENTS

**PRO** Proposition 50 would give the Legislature clear authority to discipline Senators or Assembly Members by suspending them without pay. Lawmakers should be able to hold their own colleagues accountable if they breach the public's trust. This commonsense measure was placed on the ballot with strong bipartisan support.

**CON** Proposition 50 is a scam brought to you by those that would turn a blind eye to a culture of corruption in our State Capitol. It perpetuates that culture by allowing Legislators to remain in office after having been indicted, even convicted of a felony, allowing taxation without representation.

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### FOR

California Forward  
1107 9th Street,  
Suite 650  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
[YesProp50.com](http://YesProp50.com)

#### AGAINST

[www.Stoppop50.com](http://www.Stoppop50.com)

## All Voters Can Vote in a Primary Election

Voting for President depends on the party you are registered with.

If you are registered with a political party:

You can vote for a candidate running for President in that party.

If you registered with no party preference, you can vote in the Presidential primary for the following parties:

- Democratic
- American Independent
- Libertarian

You can select the party ballot at your polling place. If you vote-by-mail, you were sent a postcard to select a party ballot.

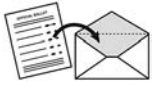
If you registered with no party preference and want to vote in the Presidential primary for one of the following political parties:

- Republican
- Green
- Peace & Freedom

You must re-register to vote with that party by **May 23, 2016.**

Register to vote online at  
[www.RegisterToVote.ca.gov](http://www.RegisterToVote.ca.gov).

# Ways to Vote

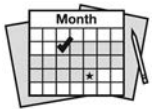


## Vote by Mail

Request a vote-by-mail ballot by **May 31**.

Return by mail—must be postmarked on or before **June 7** and received by your county elections office no later than **June 10**.

Return in person—to your county elections office or any polling place in your county before 8:00 p.m. on **June 7**.



## Vote Early in Person

Some counties offer early voting at a few locations before Election Day.

Contact your county elections office to see if they offer early voting.

County contact information can be found on page 29 or by visiting the Secretary of State's website at: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices>.






## Vote at the Polls on Election Day

Polls are open on Election Day: **June 7 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

The location of your polling place is printed on the back page of the sample ballot booklet your county elections official mailed to you.

You can also find your polling place:

-  By calling (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
-  Online at [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place)
-  By texting *Vote* to GOVOTE (468683)



PROPOSITION  
**50** **SUSPENSION OF LEGISLATORS.  
LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

**OFFICIAL TITLE AND SUMMARY**

PREPARED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

- Authorizes each house of Legislature to suspend one of its Members by two-thirds vote, and to require Member to forfeit salary and benefits while suspended.
- Prohibits suspended Member from exercising rights, privileges, duties, or powers of office, or using any legislative resources.
- Provides suspension may end on specified

date, or upon two-thirds vote of Member's house.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST'S ESTIMATE OF NET  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL IMPACT:**

- No effect on state spending in most years. Minor state savings in some years.

**FINAL VOTES CAST BY THE LEGISLATURE ON SCA 17 (PROPOSITION 50)  
(RESOLUTION CHAPTER 127, STATUTES OF 2014)**

Senate:	Ayes 31	Noes 3
Assembly:	Ayes 73	Noes 2

**ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST**

**BACKGROUND**

**The California Legislature.** Each year the Legislature votes to approve or reject proposed laws and passes a state budget. Voters elect 120 members to the two houses of the Legislature: 40 Senators and 80 Assembly Members. An independent commission—not the Legislature—sets salaries and benefits for legislators. Currently, the state pays most legislators a salary of about \$100,000 each year. Legislators also receive health, dental, and vision benefits. They do not receive state retirement benefits.

**Disciplining Legislators.** When legislators are accused of wrongdoing, there are several ways that they can be disciplined. For example, they can be prosecuted and sentenced by a court if they violate criminal laws, or voters can attempt to remove them from office through a

recall process. In addition, each house of the Legislature traditionally has had the ability to discipline its own members. Except for expulsion (described below), a majority vote of the house is required to take disciplinary actions. These disciplinary actions include the following:

- **Expulsion.** Expelling a legislator—ending his or her term of office—is the most severe disciplinary action available to the Assembly or Senate. The last time this happened was in 1905, when four Senators were found by the Senate to be taking bribes. After a legislator is expelled, he or she is no longer a Senator or Assembly Member. His or her state salary and benefits stop. Under the State Constitution, two-thirds of the Assembly or Senate must vote to expel one of its

## ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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members. This is the only disciplinary action specifically mentioned in the State Constitution.

- **Suspension.** Each house of the Legislature can also suspend one of its members. For example, in 2014 three Senators were accused of felonies and the Senate subsequently voted to suspend them. During the time they were suspended, the three Senators did not vote on bills or take other legislative actions. They remained in office, however, and kept receiving state salaries and benefits until they left the Senate. (Later in 2014, each of the three either resigned or left the Legislature at the scheduled end of their Senate terms.) This was the first time in history that California legislators had been suspended.
- **Other Disciplinary Actions.** In addition to expulsion and suspension, each house of the Legislature can take other, less severe disciplinary actions. These include censure (publicly criticizing a legislator).

## PROPOSAL

### **Constitutional Provisions About Suspensions.**

This measure amends the State Constitution to add new provisions regarding the suspension of legislators. The provisions address the following issues:

- **Higher Vote Requirement to Suspend Legislators.** Currently, the Assembly or Senate can suspend one of its members with a majority vote. This measure requires a two-thirds vote of the Assembly or Senate in order to suspend one of its members.
- **Allows Suspending Legislators Without Pay and Benefits.** Currently, a suspended legislator keeps receiving a state salary and benefits. This measure allows the Assembly or Senate to stop a legislator's pay and benefits during all or part of a suspension.
- **Other Requirements for Suspending Legislators.** This measure also (1) prohibits a suspended legislator from voting on laws or taking other actions as a legislator during a suspension, (2) requires the house to describe the reasons for a suspension, and (3) sets rules for when a suspension would end (either on a specific date set by the Assembly or Senate or after two-thirds of the Assembly or Senate votes to end the suspension).

## FISCAL EFFECTS

Only in rare cases have California legislators been expelled or suspended. If such disciplinary penalties against legislators continue to be rare, this measure would have no effect on state or local finances in most years. In any future year when the Senate or Assembly suspended a legislator, this measure could lower the Legislature's compensation costs, resulting in minor state savings.

Visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/measure-contributions> for a list of committees primarily formed to support or oppose this measure.

Visit <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors/june-2016-primary-election.html> to access the committee's top 10 contributors.

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★ ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 50 ★

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VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 50—ALLOW THE  
LEGISLATURE TO SUSPEND MEMBERS WITHOUT PAY

Proposition 50 would amend the state Constitution to give the California Legislature clear authority to suspend members of the Senate or the Assembly without pay.

The measure is a simple and straightforward way for lawmakers to hold their own colleagues accountable for breaching the public's trust.

Currently, the California Constitution does not make it clear that the Legislature can suspend its members without pay. This issue came to light in 2014 when three state senators—all charged with criminal offenses—were suspended by a resolution of the Senate.

But those members continued to receive their salaries—more than \$95,000 a year—because it was not clear that the Senate had the authority to suspend their pay, as well.

The incident frustrated lawmakers who wanted to hold their own members accountable, and angered the public, which saw it as another example of how lawmakers are shielded from the consequences of their own actions and play by a different set of rules than everyone else.

"It's an aggravating situation that allows full pay for no work," opined the *San Francisco Chronicle*, urging lawmakers to fix the loophole.

The Legislature took it upon themselves to do just that. Lawmakers wrote and passed—overwhelmingly and with

strong bipartisan support—this constitutional amendment and placed it before voters for their approval.

The constitutional amendment would require the Assembly or the Senate to pass a resolution declaring why the member is being suspended. And to guard against political misuse, the resolution would require the higher threshold of a two-thirds vote for approval.

The National Conference of State Legislatures believes the power to discipline and expel members is inherent to a legislative body. That power has long been a staple of American democracy. It is common practice in most states.

The California Legislature has the power to expel members, and it should have the authority to suspend them without pay should the circumstances warrant.

Californians want and deserve a government that is worthy of their trust. Voters have passed many political reforms in the last decade to improve the governance in California, but more needs to be done to restore the public trust.

Proposition 50 is a commonsense step that would give lawmakers the authority to police their own, which is the right next step to holding all lawmakers accountable for serving the public interest.

That's why fair-minded Californians support Proposition 50.

**HELEN HUTCHISON**, President,  
League of Women Voters of California

**JAMES P. MAYER**, President/CEO,  
California Forward

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★ REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 50 ★

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Why did the legislature vote to add Prop. 50 to the ballot?

Because Prop. 50 gives legislative leadership options NOT TO EXPEL fellow Assembly members and Senators who have been indicted or convicted of felony charges.

Prop. 50 isn't necessary because the Constitution already allows Assembly members and Senators who have been indicted or convicted of felony charges to be removed from office by expelling them.

Instead, Prop. 50 allows those in the legislature who have been indicted or convicted to be suspended WITH or without pay and it robs constituents of their representation. For many Californians, politicians are already allowed to serve in office for too long. Allowing them to continue in office after criminal behavior under Prop. 50 is wrong!

If you believe that Assembly members and Senators should not be above the law, please vote NO and send the clear message: No more special privileges for Assembly members and Senators indicted or convicted of felonies.

Californians deserve honest representatives serving them—NOT indicted or convicted legislators who have been suspended from their duties yet remain in office, which Prop. 50 allows.

Vote No on Prop. 50—Stop the corruption!

**JON FLEISCHMAN**, President,  
California Term Limits

**RUTH WEISS**, San Diego County Coordinator,  
California Election Integrity Project

## ★ ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 50 ★

Proposition 50 is a scam brought to you by those that would turn a blind eye to a culture of corruption in our State Capitol! Voters should oppose this measure because:

It perpetuates a culture of corruption in the State Capitol  
It creates taxation without representation

Capitol insiders can use it to stifle political opposition  
**PERPETUATES A CULTURE OF CORRUPTION IN THE STATE CAPITOL**

In 2014 when this measure was put on the ballot, nearly one of every ten California State Senators were either convicted or under indictment on multiple felony criminal counts including perjury, bribery and even gun-running. While this was going on, the author of Proposition 50, then the President Pro-Tem of the State Senate, refused to consider expelling these scoundrels from their offices of public trust—even after one of them was convicted by a jury!

Headlines in the news included:

“Attempt to Expel Convicted State Senator Derailed”—*Capital Public Radio*, 2/27/14

“Wright Sentencing Delayed; Senators Refuse to Expel Convicted Democrat”—*Breitbart News Network*, 7/8/14

Prop. 50 is designed to make you feel like the Sacramento political class actually wants to take a tough position to root out corruption. What they are really doing is hiding from you the fact that they would not make the tough decision to expel a convicted felon—their buddy.

### TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION

Prop. 50 also denies millions of Californians their basic rights. It imposes taxation without representation. When a legislator is “suspended” instead of expelled, that means that the citizens in that district has no one representing their interests in the State Legislature. It means no election can take place to replace that bad actor, because he or she still “occupies” the office.

### CAPITOL INSIDERS CAN USE PROP. 50 TO STIFLE POLITICAL OPPOSITION

Perhaps the most disturbing part of this measure is that it places into the state constitution a permanent means by which the majority can stifle minority opinion in the legislature. It is not hard to see where if you are a vocal member of the Senate or Assembly, on an issue that is not popular with your colleagues that you could have to face the reality that they could vote to suspend—to take away your voice and your vote in the legislature!

**VOTE NO ON PROP. 50!**

Visit: [Stopprop50.com](http://Stopprop50.com)

**JOEL ANDERSON**, Senator,  
38th District

**BRIAN JONES**, Assembly Member,  
71st District

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## ★ REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 50 ★

This measure would give lawmakers the authority needed to discipline fellow Assembly Members and Senators—taking into consideration the nature of the allegation and other circumstances.

In severe cases, the Assembly and Senate already have the authority to expel a member. But expulsion is not always the just response. Even when a lawmaker is accused of a crime, given the presumption of innocence, it may not be appropriate to expel that person until all the facts are known and the case resolved.

In many such instances, lawmakers need the authority to respond in a reasonable and measured way—to do something short of expelling the member from the Legislature and something more than allowing that member to sit home and collect a taxpayer-funded paycheck.

Prop. 50 gives the Assembly or Senate the ability to suspend a member—and suspend the member’s pay.

The proposition sets a high bar to prevent lawmakers from unjustly punishing each other. It requires the house to publicly declare the reason for its action, and the resolution must be approved by a two-thirds vote—never easy and almost always requiring bipartisan support.

The measure does not inoculate the Legislature or lawmakers from corrupting influences, and more needs to be done to encourage ethical behavior, increase transparency, investigate complaints and enforce the law.

Prop. 50 gives lawmakers one more way to respond to ethical breaches by making it clear that when the circumstances warrant, lawmakers can be suspended without pay.

**JAMES P. MAYER**, President/CEO,  
California Forward

**HELEN HUTCHISON**, President,  
League of Women Voters of California

# Elections in California

There are two different types of primary elections in California. The results of the primary election determine the candidates who will run in the general election in November. The types of primary elections are:

## Presidential (Party-Nominated/Partisan Offices)

- Office on the ballot: U.S. President
- Who can vote: Only voters who registered with the same political party as the candidate (some parties allow voters who registered with no party preference to vote in their primary. Visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/political-parties/no-party-preference> for more information).
- Result: The candidate who moves on to the general election is the candidate nominated by their national political party and may not be the candidate that was elected by popular vote in the California primary election.

## California Open Primary (Voter-Nominated Offices)

- Offices on the ballot: U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, statewide offices, and state legislative offices
- Who can vote: Any voter may vote for any one candidate in each contest, regardless of party preference.
- Result: The top-two candidates, regardless of party preference, who receive the most votes in each primary contest move on to the general election. After a top-two primary, a general election must be held even if one candidate receives a majority of the vote (at least 50 percent +1) and even if there is only one candidate in the primary election.
- California's open primary system does not apply to candidates running for U.S. President, county central committee, or local offices.

California law requires the following information to be printed in this guide.

## Party-Nominated/Partisan Offices

Political parties may formally nominate candidates for party-nominated/partisan offices at the primary election. A nominated candidate will represent that party as its official candidate for the specific office at the general election and the ballot will reflect an official designation. The top vote-getter for each party at the primary election moves on to the general election. Parties also elect officers of county central committees at the primary election.

A voter can only vote in the primary election of the political party he or she has disclosed a preference for upon registering to vote. However, a political party may allow a person who has declined to disclose a party preference to vote in that party's primary election.

## Voter-Nominated Offices

Political parties are not entitled to formally nominate candidates for voter-nominated offices at the primary election. A candidate nominated for a voter-nominated office at the primary election is the nominee of the people and not the official nominee of any party at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a voter-nominated office shall have his or her party preference, or lack of party preference, stated on the ballot, but the party preference designation is selected solely by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not mean the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party designated, or that there is an affiliation between the party and candidate, and no candidate nominated by the voters shall be deemed to be the officially nominated candidate of any political party. In the county sample ballot booklet, parties may list the candidates for voter-nominated offices who have received the party's official endorsement.

Any voter may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated office, if they meet the other qualifications required to vote for that office. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the voter-nominated office even if both candidates have specified the same party preference designation. No party is entitled to have a candidate with its party preference designation move on to the general election, unless the candidate is one of the two highest vote-getters at the primary election.

## Nonpartisan Offices

Political parties are not entitled to nominate candidates for nonpartisan offices at the primary election, and a candidate at the primary election is not the official nominee of any party for the specific office at the general election. A candidate for nomination to a nonpartisan office may not designate his or her party preference, or lack of party preference, on the ballot. The top two vote-getters at the primary election move on to the general election for the nonpartisan office.

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## Top Contributors to Statewide Candidates and Ballot Measures

When a committee (a person or group of people who receive or spend money for the purpose of influencing voters to support or oppose candidates or ballot measures) supports or opposes a ballot measure or candidate and raises at least \$1 million, the committee must report its top 10 contributors to the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). The committee must update the top 10 list when there is any change.



These lists are available on the FPPC website at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors.html>.

# Information About Candidate Statements

## In This Guide

This voter guide includes information about U.S. Senate candidates which begins on page 15 of this guide.

United States Senate candidates can buy space for their candidate statement in this voter guide. Some candidates, however, choose not to buy space for a statement.

The candidates for U.S. Senate are:


Phil Wyman	Republican	President Cristina Grappo	Democratic
Jarrell Williamson	Republican	Don J. Grundmann	No Party Preference
Pamela Elizondo	Green	Herbert G. Peters	Democratic
Akinyemi Olabode Agbede	Democratic	Tom Palzer	Republican
Jerry J. Laws	Republican	John Thompson Parker	Peace and Freedom
Gail K. Lightfoot	Libertarian	Greg Conlon	Republican
George C. Yang	Republican	Karen Roseberry	Republican
Loretta L. Sanchez	Democratic	Emory Peretz Rodgers	Democratic
Duf Sundheim	Republican	Von Hougo	Republican
Ling Ling Shi	No Party Preference	Mark Matthew Herd	Libertarian
Steve Stokes	Democratic	Jason Hanania	No Party Preference
Ron Unz	Republican	Kamala D. Harris	Democratic
Paul Merritt	No Party Preference	Mike Beitiks	No Party Preference
Gar Myers	No Party Preference	Scott A. Vineberg	No Party Preference
Massie Munroe	Democratic	Jason Kraus	No Party Preference
Eleanor García	No Party Preference	Don Krampe	Republican
Tim Gildersleeve	No Party Preference	Thomas G. Del Beccaro	Republican
Clive Grey	No Party Preference		

## In Your Sample Ballot Booklet (Mailed Separately From Your County Registrar)

In addition to the candidates in this guide, your ballot may include State Senate, State Assembly, and U.S. House of Representatives candidates.

State Senate and State Assembly candidates may buy space for a candidate statement in the county sample ballot booklets IF they agree to keep their campaign spending under a certain dollar amount described below.

- State Senate candidates may spend no more than \$846,000 in the primary election
- State Assembly candidates may spend no more than \$564,000 in the primary election

 A list of candidates who accepted California's voluntary campaign spending limits is available at [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/candidate-statements](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/candidate-statements)

California's voluntary campaign spending limits do not apply to candidates for federal offices including President, U.S. Senate, and the U.S. House of Representatives.

All U.S. House of Representatives candidates may buy space for a candidate statement in county sample ballot booklets. Some candidates, however, choose not to buy space for a statement.

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# CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

## UNITED STATES SENATE

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- Serves as one of two Senators who represent California's interests in the United States Congress.
  - Proposes and votes on new national laws.
  - Votes on confirming federal judges, U.S. Supreme Court Justices, and many high-level presidential appointments to civilian and military positions.
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### **Akinyemi Olabode Agbede** | DEMOCRATIC



Rescue America! Rescue America!! Rescue America!!! Californian! Let us together rescue America from turning into a third world country. Enough is enough of American deep suffering. People in Washington has collapsed this country. Therefore, electing Dr. Akinyemi Agbede, as your next United States senator representing the golden state of California 2016 is the answer in order for our country to be reclaimed back.

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# CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

## UNITED STATES SENATE

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### **Jerry J. Laws** | REPUBLICAN

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### **Loretta L. Sanchez** | DEMOCRATIC



California needs an experienced and proven leader to tackle the full range of economic, educational and security challenges we face today. Our next U.S. Senator must have extensive legislative and national security experience and share the life experiences of working people. I do, and that's why I am the best candidate for the job. I came from a union household of immigrant parents who struggled to provide for their seven children. I worked my way through college with the help of government and union grants, and the Anaheim Rotary Club paid for my MBA. I know the struggles of working families. My parents worked hard, valued education and are the only parents in American history to send two daughters to Congress. That's why I have fought passionately in Congress for 20 years for education, tuition assistance, healthcare reform, immigration reform, gender equality, LGBT rights, worker's rights, and environmental protection. I've also demonstrated independent judgment and courage when it mattered most: I voted against the Iraq War, the Patriot Act, and the bank bailouts, when few others did. As a senior member of the Armed Services and Homeland Security Committees, I've worked to ensure our troops are trained and equipped to win and cared for when they come home. I'm the only candidate with the national security experience necessary to keep America safe. As your Senator, I will fight for all Californians, so together we can have a stronger and more prosperous future. I humbly ask for your vote.

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### Duf Sundheim | REPUBLICAN



Economic uncertainty and terrorist attacks have created anxious times. We want *action* from our leaders; instead we get excessive partisanship and a divisive, ineffective government. I promise to be *different*. I will be bold, *balanced*. I will find achievable solutions. California once was the “Land of Dreams”; aspiring to compete, to achieve—and to win for ourselves and our families. But that dream is being suffocated by leaders that have taken *extreme* positions. The result is businesses, our neighbors and our children are leaving California. Our schools are ranked 41st in the country. Taxes keep rising, and the cost-of-living is through the roof. This bleeding has to stop. I have the experience and passion to fix this. I graduated from Stanford and Northwestern Law. *I solve problems for a living*. I am a federal court approved mediator and volunteer settlement judge. I was Chairman of the California Republican Party, overseeing the only successful recall of a governor, and the first to be re-elected; because *we got stuff done*. Leaders from every segment imaginable are supporting my vision to renew the “California Dream.” Former Secretary of State George Shultz, Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, Cisco’s John Chambers, Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin, The California Small Businesses Association. I am guided by the Constitution. My priorities are jobs, national security, education and water. Please visit [SundheimforSenate.com](http://SundheimforSenate.com) for policy details. Integrity. Common sense. Results. They’re my foundation—and the foundation upon which we will bring back our “Land of Dreams.”

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### Ling Ling Shi | NO PARTY PREFERENCE

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Run for God’s Heart and America’s Freedom, challenge 10 giant chaos in economy and economy-related sectors.

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### Paul Merritt | NO PARTY PREFERENCE



California make history . . . elect an independent Senator Merritt. Elect an independent thinker. Elect the person, not the Party-in-power's. Our National government is a shambles. We need a strong USA defense. Merritt is solid on international issues. I believe in Faith, respect people and all religions. Merritt supports Senator Feinstein's boarder security fence, no offshore oil drilling, and our desert environmental protection Act. Merritt adheres that President Reagan's idea on small government is best. Background: two law degrees, broker, hotel owner, elected city councilperson. Homeowner boards: Palm Springs, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Orange County. Life member Nature Conservancy. Most Billionaire Republicans and Union boss Democrats don't represent you! Merritt is Independent for all Citizens. Paul Merritt is a Californian!

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### Massie Munroe | DEMOCRATIC



My candidacy represents the United States Constitution, the only contract between the people of America and America's government "Of the people, By the people, For the people" to be restored and strengthened in America and extended to the UN as a contract between all people of our world through US leadership and diplomacy. International bankers, multinational corporate leaders, militaries and police must all 100% obey, comply with the Constitution of the US/UN in the Spirit of Truth, Serving All in Peace. Transforming from the Industrial Technology Age to the new "Energy Technology Era" *will saturate US job markets for the next 500 years*. My campaign represents ending international bankers' rule and their financial exploitation of nations; reestablishing people's rule by creating a Citizen's Bank to serve as America's central bank; ending mind control slavery; ending non-consensual human experimentation; ending hunger, homelessness and violence; protecting earth, water, air, forests, oceans and animals; practicing Christ consciousness and implementing constitutional justice under the leadership of the US/UN. Through my national and international research and political activism, I identified "*mind control slavery*" by satellite energy technology weapons and social engineering programs that have been in continual development for the past 50 years and facilitated their "*declassification*". As a result, I came under heavy sanctions that are ongoing. I request you, the voter, to rise above all untrue accusations that assail my good character and heart. See my evidence and review my service. Senator Bernie Sanders' presidency is crucial for bringing this into reality.

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### **Tim Gildersleeve** | NO PARTY PREFERENCE



I am a follower of Jesus Christ. I stand for the poor, elderly, and disabled, environmental issues, unions, small business, and represent the average citizen. My website is: <http://www.alternativevoiceforamerica.org>.

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<http://www.alternativevoiceforamerica.org>

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### **President Cristina Grappo** | DEMOCRATIC



My education & expertise merits this prolific occupation in order to represent California, as United Senator. I hold a Democratic Party platform with key issues for gun control, human trafficking, balancing the national deficit, and foreign policy initiatives. I am mainstream Facebook in social media! My core values drive America!

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### **Don J. Grundmann** | NO PARTY PREFERENCE

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### **Herbert G. Peters** | DEMOCRATIC

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Andrew Jackson Democrat. Our first 70 years; our county grew and flourished. We had no income tax. Motto: Manifest Destiny. Democrat Presidents; were most wise: Andrew Jackson balanced budget seven of eight years. Franklin Pierce vetoed a federal welfare bill. To reverse downward spiral of last 118 years: balance our budget, resist war, reduce costs, reduce taxes, repeal welfare and minimum wage so all can find jobs. Churches and Charities help needful. Reduce oppression: replace income tax with sales tax. Goal: Better life for all.

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### Tom Palzer | REPUBLICAN



I'm running for U.S. Senate to restore conservative government to California and the Nation. I have 32 years of experience advising elected officials at all levels of government. Priorities: National Defense, Anti-Terrorism, Economy, Veterans Affairs, Life-at-Conception.

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### Greg Conlon | REPUBLICAN



I was a partner in an international accounting firm, serving clients as a CPA, and have been a business consultant to various business entities. I have my attorney's license in Washington D.C. and was a pilot in the US Air Force. I understand the economic, financial and legal challenges in balancing budgets and effectively serve the public and Veterans. In addition I am an Eagle Scout. As a Commissioner and President of the California Public Utilities Commission I was in charge of proceedings that allowed residential and commercial customers to buy electricity directly from private and community public entities not privately owned utilities. I also led an initiative that increased competition and allowed businesses to select different telecommunication providers. If elected I have three objectives: *First*, reduce the size of government and balance the Federal budget each year by reducing the administrative work force in Federal agencies and not replacing retired employees. *Second*, resolve immigration issues by strengthening our borders, enforcing the terms of visas issued to foreign citizens and reducing all Federal funding to so-called sanctuary cities. *Third*, provide private sector jobs by reducing the income tax rate on large businesses to 5% for cash returned to the U.S. in exchange for new job creation. I was the Republican nominee for State Treasurer in 2014 and garnered almost 3.0 million votes; I know how to run a successful General Election. I look forward to representing California and would be honored to have your vote.

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### Karen Roseberry | REPUBLICAN



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### Von Hougo | REPUBLICAN



"We the People" are the foundation of this great Nation. As your U.S. Senator, I will work with California-based tech companies to develop a voter-driven platform that allows you to voice your opinion on every Bill before the Senate. Each Bill will be outlined with the pros, cons, benefits, risks, and cost analysis. You can cast your vote and the statewide results will be displayed in real time. I will vote in the Senate based on the majority vote of Californians—every single time. This will ensure that I am always accountable to and working in the best interest of the people of California. This secure voting portal will enable you to have your Voice heard and your Vote count on every Bill, not just once each election cycle. You can also specify your level of involvement, choosing the issues that are important to you. Whenever a Bill is coming before the Senate, you will be sent a text or email notification. Your vote will truly matter. This platform will make our government accountable to the people of California by challenging the status quo: Political Parties, PACs and Special Interests. I will put the power back in the hands of the People, where it belongs. I look forward to working with you for a better California. For more information or to endorse my donation-free campaign, please visit [von4senate.org](http://von4senate.org). Your Voice. Your Vote. Your Senator. Vote Von Hougo for U.S. Senate.

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### **Jason Hanania** | NO PARTY PREFERENCE

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### **Kamala D. Harris** | DEMOCRATIC



My name is Kamala Harris. I am running for the United States Senate because I believe it is time to repair the ladder of opportunity for more Californians and more Americans. I am proud to be a daughter of California. I was born in Oakland. I went to California public schools. As a lifelong prosecutor, I have always served just one client: The People of California. As District Attorney of San Francisco and California Attorney General, I got things done for the People of California. I took on violent predators, including transnational criminal organizations and human traffickers who profit from exploiting women and children. I also took on the big polluters and the big banks and worked across the aisle to pass the nation's toughest anti-foreclosure law to protect our homeowners. This is the approach I will bring as your United States Senator. I will fight for the jobs our people need by bringing home federal dollars that will repair our crumbling water and transportation systems. I'll fight for better schools and to give every child access to pre-kindergarten and affordable childcare. I will fight for our veterans who deserve quality health care and job training when they come home. I'll defend our environment and coast and lead the fight against climate change. And as a career prosecutor, I will work every day to keep our people safe from terrorism at home and abroad. Please join me. Thank you for your consideration.

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## UNITED STATES SENATE

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### **Mike Beitiks** | NO PARTY PREFERENCE



My platform is narrow. It's more of a single board, really. Federal legislators are doing nothing to protect us from the threat of climate change. I will not do nothing. I swear on the graves of future Californians that I will not sacrifice our actual climate to our political climate.

[www.Iwillnotdoanything.org](http://www.Iwillnotdoanything.org)

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### **Jason Kraus** | NO PARTY PREFERENCE



Each election Californians are saddled with the same problems, same issues, and same faces. Politicians beg for our money making promises that will never be kept. We must return to basics. Remove all forms of income tax which will increase employment, ignite our economy, and protect our way of life. I have refused all campaign contributions, will not accept a salary, and will only serve ONE term. I am not a Republican or a Democrat. I am an American . . . just like you. Jason Kraus. United States Senate 2017. For more information [www.aleadernotapolitician.com](http://www.aleadernotapolitician.com).

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## UNITED STATES SENATE

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### Don Krampe | REPUBLICAN



As a United States Marine, I served my country in combat during the Korean War. I later went on to serve our nation's veterans as the Director of the USO in Vietnam and as an assistant to a Regional Director for the Veterans Administration. In 1958 I cofounded the Hugh O'Brian Young Adult Leadership Seminars which, since its inception, has benefited hundreds of thousands of young men and women. I have earned a Masters of Public Administration from Cal Lutheran University. I believe our two-party system is dysfunctional and does not understand the acronym "'TEAM'—Together Everyone Achieves More". Our country's greatest resource is our young adults and students who must be taught "Not What to Think, But How to Think." As The American Creed so eloquently states: "I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic a sovereign Nation of many Sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable: established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies." I would appreciate your consideration. To find out more visit my website: [2016krampeforsenate.com](http://2016krampeforsenate.com).

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## PROPOSITION 50

This amendment proposed by Senate Constitutional Amendment 17 of the 2013–2014 Regular Session (Resolution Chapter 127, Statutes of 2014) expressly amends the California Constitution by amending a section thereof; therefore, existing provisions proposed to be deleted are printed in ~~strikeout type~~ and new provisions proposed to be added are printed in *italic type* to indicate that they are new.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 5 OF ARTICLE IV

That Section 5 of Article IV thereof is amended to read:

SEC. 5. (a) *(1)* Each house *of the Legislature* shall judge the qualifications and elections of its Members and, by rollcall vote entered in the journal, ~~two-thirds~~ *two-thirds* of the membership concurring, may expel a Member.

*(2) (A) Each house may suspend a Member by motion or resolution adopted by rollcall vote entered in the journal, two-thirds of the membership concurring. The motion or resolution shall contain findings and declarations setting forth the basis for the suspension. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the house may deem the salary and benefits of the Member to be forfeited for all or part of the period of the suspension by express provision of the motion or resolution.*

*(B) A Member suspended pursuant to this paragraph shall not exercise any of the rights, privileges, duties, or powers of his or her office, or utilize any resources of the Legislature, during the period the suspension is in effect.*

*(C) The suspension of a Member pursuant to this paragraph shall remain in effect until the date specified in the motion or resolution or, if no date is specified, the date a subsequent motion or resolution terminating the suspension is adopted by rollcall vote entered in the journal, two-thirds of the membership of the house concurring.*

(b) No Member of the Legislature may accept any honorarium. The Legislature shall enact laws that implement this subdivision.

(c) The Legislature shall enact laws that ban or strictly limit the acceptance of a gift by a Member of the Legislature from any source if the acceptance of the gift might create a conflict of interest.

(d) No Member of the Legislature may knowingly accept any compensation for appearing, agreeing to appear, or taking any other action on behalf of another person before any state government board or agency. If a Member knowingly accepts any compensation for appearing, agreeing to appear, or taking any other action on behalf of another person before any local government board or agency, the Member may not, for a period of one year following the acceptance of the compensation, vote upon or make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use his or her official position to influence an action or decision before the Legislature, other than an action or decision involving a bill described in subdivision (c) of Section 12 of ~~this article~~, which he or she knows, or has reason to know, would have a direct and significant financial impact on that person and would not impact the public generally or a significant segment of the public in a similar manner. As used in this subdivision, “public generally” includes an industry, trade, or profession. However, a Member may engage in activities involving a board or agency which are strictly on his or her own behalf, appear in the capacity of an attorney before any court or the Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board, or act as an advocate without compensation or make an inquiry for information on behalf of a person before a board or agency. This subdivision does not prohibit any action of a partnership or firm of which the Member is a member if the Member does not share directly or indirectly in the fee, less any expenses attributable to that fee, resulting from that action.

(e) The Legislature shall enact laws that prohibit a Member of the Legislature whose term of office commences on or after December 3, 1990, from lobbying, for compensation, as governed by the Political Reform Act of 1974, before the Legislature for 12 months after leaving office.

(f) The Legislature shall enact new laws, and strengthen the enforcement of existing laws, prohibiting Members of the Legislature from engaging in activities or having interests which conflict with the proper discharge of their duties and responsibilities. However, the people reserve to themselves the power to implement this requirement pursuant to Article II.

# Assistance for Voters with Disabilities

State and federal laws require polling places to be physically accessible to voters with disabilities. County elections officials inspect each site and often make temporary modifications for Election Day. Every person who works in a polling place is trained in election laws and voter rights, including the need to make reasonable modifications of policies and procedures to ensure equal access.

State and federal laws require that all voters be able to cast their ballots privately and independently. Each polling place must have at least one voting machine that allows all voters, including those who are blind or visually impaired, to cast a ballot without assistance. The voting machine permits voters to verify their vote choices and, if there is an error, allows voters to correct those choices before submitting their ballot.

## Check your sample ballot



Your county sample ballot booklet will:

- Describe how persons with disabilities can vote privately and independently
- Display a wheelchair symbol if your polling place is accessible to voters with disabilities

## At the polling place

If you need help marking your ballot, you may choose up to two people to help you. This person cannot be:

- Your employer or anyone who works for your employer
- Your labor union leader or anyone who works for your labor union

*Curbside voting* allows you to park as close as possible to the voting area. Elections officials will bring you a roster to sign, a ballot, and any other voting materials you may need, whether you are actually at a curb or in a car.

Contact your county elections office to see if curbside voting is available at your polling place.

# State Voter Information Guide vs. County Sample Ballot Booklet

As a registered voter you will receive *two* information resources by mail:

### State Voter Information Guide (*this guide*)

**Contains** information about federal candidates and statewide propositions.

#### Candidate Information:

President (online at [www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov](http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov))  
U.S. Senate

#### State Propositions:

Proposition 50



### Your County Sample Ballot Booklet

**Contains** a sample of your ballot and information about local candidates, ballot measures, and your polling place location.

#### Candidate Information:

U.S. Representative in Congress  
State Senator  
Member of the State Assembly  
Other local offices

#### Local Ballot Measures:

Vary by county

# Provisional Voting

If your name is not on the voter list at your polling place, you have the right to vote a provisional ballot.

## What Is a Provisional Ballot?

A provisional ballot is a regular ballot that is placed in a special envelope prior to being put in the ballot box.

## Who Casts a Provisional Ballot?

Provisional ballots are ballots cast by voters who:

- Believe they are registered to vote even though their names are not on the official voter registration list at the polling place.
- Vote by mail but did not receive their ballot or do not have their ballot with them, and instead want to vote at a polling place.

## What Happens After You Cast a Provisional Ballot?

Your provisional ballot will be counted after elections officials have confirmed that you are registered to vote in that county and you did not already vote in that election.

You may vote a provisional ballot at any polling place in the county in which you are registered to vote, however, only the elections contests you are eligible to vote for will be counted.

## How Can You Check The Status of Your Provisional Ballot?

Every voter who casts a provisional ballot has the right to find out from their county elections official if the ballot was counted and, if not, the reason why it was not counted.



Visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-status> for a list of county contacts and information on how to check the status of your provisional ballot.

# Election Day Information

**Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7. If you are in line before 8:00 p.m., you can still vote.**

4 ways to find your polling place:



Check the back cover of the sample ballot booklet your county elections official mailed to you



Calling (800) 345-VOTE (8683)



Online at [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place)



Text Vote to GOVOTE (468683)

# County Elections Offices

## **Alameda County**

(510) 272-6973  
[www.acgov.org/rov](http://www.acgov.org/rov)

## **Alpine County**

(530) 694-2281  
[www.alpinecountyca.gov](http://www.alpinecountyca.gov)

## **Amador County**

(209) 223-6465  
[www.co.amador.ca.us/government/elections](http://www.co.amador.ca.us/government/elections)

## **Butte County**

(530) 538-7761 or  
(800) 894-7761 (within Butte County)  
<http://buttevotes.net>

## **Calaveras County**

(209) 754-6376 or (209) 754-6375  
[www.elections.calaverasgov.us/elections.aspx](http://www.elections.calaverasgov.us/elections.aspx)

## **Colusa County**

(530) 458-0500 or (877) 458-0501  
[www.countyofcolusa.org/elections](http://www.countyofcolusa.org/elections)

## **Contra Costa County**

(925) 335-7800  
[www.cocovote.us](http://www.cocovote.us)

## **Del Norte County**

(707) 464-7216 or (707) 465-0383  
[www.co.del-norte.ca.us](http://www.co.del-norte.ca.us)

## **El Dorado County**

(530) 621-7480 or (800) 730-4322  
[www.edcgov.us/elections](http://www.edcgov.us/elections)

## **Fresno County**

(559) 600-8683  
[www.co.fresno.ca.us/elections](http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/elections)

## **Glenn County**

(530) 934-6414  
[www.countyofglenn.net/elections](http://www.countyofglenn.net/elections)

## **Humboldt County**

(707) 445-7481  
[humboldtgov.org/elections](http://humboldtgov.org/elections)

## **Imperial County**

(442) 265-1074  
[www.co.imperial.ca.us](http://www.co.imperial.ca.us)

## **Inyo County**

(760) 878-0224  
[elections.inyocounty.us](http://elections.inyocounty.us)

## **Kern County**

(661) 868-3590  
[www.co.kern.ca.us/elections](http://www.co.kern.ca.us/elections)

## **Kings County**

(559) 852-4890  
[www.countyofkings.com](http://www.countyofkings.com)

## **Lake County**

(707) 263-2372  
[www.co.lake.ca.us/government/directory/rov.htm](http://www.co.lake.ca.us/government/directory/rov.htm)

## **Lassen County**

(530) 251-8217 or (530) 251-8352  
<http://www.lassencounty.org>

## **Los Angeles County**

(800) 815-2666 Option 2 or  
(562) 466-1323  
[www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net)

## **Madera County**

(559) 675-7720  
[www.madera-county.com](http://www.madera-county.com)

## **Marin County**

(415) 473-6456  
[www.marinvotes.org](http://www.marinvotes.org)

## **Mariposa County**

(209) 966-2007  
[www.mariposacounty.org](http://www.mariposacounty.org)

## **Mendocino County**

(707) 234-6819  
[www.co.mendocino.ca.us/acr/elections](http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/acr/elections)

## **Merced County**

(209) 385-7541 or (800) 561-0619  
[www.mercedelections.org](http://www.mercedelections.org)

## **Modoc County**

(530) 233-6205  
[www.co.modoc.ca.us](http://www.co.modoc.ca.us)

## **Mono County**

(760) 932-5537 or (760) 932-5530  
[www.monocounty.ca.gov/elections](http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/elections)

## **Monterey County**

(831) 796-1499 or (866) 887-9274  
[www.montereycountyelections.us/](http://www.montereycountyelections.us/)

## **Napa County**

(707) 253-4321 or (707) 253-4374  
[www.countyofnapa.org](http://www.countyofnapa.org)

## **Nevada County**

(530) 265-7115  
[www.mynevadacounty.com/hc/elections/Pages/Home.aspx](http://www.mynevadacounty.com/hc/elections/Pages/Home.aspx)

## **Orange County**

(714) 567-7600  
[www.ocvote.com](http://www.ocvote.com)

## **Placer County**

(530) 886-5650  
[www.placerelections.com](http://www.placerelections.com)

## **Plumas County**

(530) 283-6256 or (844) 676-8683  
[www.countyofplumas.com](http://www.countyofplumas.com)

## **Riverside County**

(951) 486-7200 or (800) 773-8683  
[www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net)

## **Sacramento County**

(916) 875-6451 or (800) 762-8019  
[www.elections.saccounty.net](http://www.elections.saccounty.net)

## **San Benito County**

(831) 636-4016 or (831) 636-4017  
[www.sbcvot.us](http://www.sbcvot.us)

## **San Bernardino County**

(909) 387-8300 or (800) 881-8683  
[www.sbcountyelections.com](http://www.sbcountyelections.com)

## **San Diego County**

(858) 565-5800  
[www.sdvot.com](http://www.sdvot.com)

## **San Francisco County**

(415) 554-4375  
[www.sfelections.org](http://www.sfelections.org)

## **San Joaquin County**

(209) 468-2890  
[www.sjcrov.org](http://www.sjcrov.org)

## **San Luis Obispo County**

(805) 781-5228 or (805) 781-5080  
[www.slovot.com](http://www.slovot.com)

## **San Mateo County**

(650) 312-5222  
[www.shapethefuture.org](http://www.shapethefuture.org)

## **Santa Barbara County**

(805) 568-2200 or (800) 722-8683  
[www.sbcvot.com](http://www.sbcvot.com)

## **Santa Clara County**

(408) 299-8683 or (866) 430-8683  
[www.sccvot.org](http://www.sccvot.org)

## **Santa Cruz County**

(831) 454-2060  
[www.votescount.com](http://www.votescount.com)

## **Shasta County**

(530) 225-5730  
[www.co.shasta.ca.us](http://www.co.shasta.ca.us)

## **Sierra County**

(530) 289-3295  
[www.sierracounty.ca.gov](http://www.sierracounty.ca.gov)

## **Siskiyou County**

(530) 842-8084  
[www.sisqvot.us](http://www.sisqvot.us)

## **Solano County**

(707) 784-6675  
[www.solanocounty.com/elections](http://www.solanocounty.com/elections)

## **Sonoma County**

(707) 565-6800 or (800) 750-VOTE  
[vote.sonoma-county.org](http://vote.sonoma-county.org)

## **Stanislaus County**

(209) 525-5200 or (209) 525-5201  
[www.stanvot.com](http://www.stanvot.com)

## **Sutter County**

(530) 822-7122 or (530) 713-3226  
[www.suttercounty.org/elections](http://www.suttercounty.org/elections)

## **Tehama County**

(530) 527-8190  
[www.co.tehama.ca.us](http://www.co.tehama.ca.us)

## **Trinity County**

(530) 623-1220  
[www.trinitycounty.org](http://www.trinitycounty.org)

## **Tulare County**

(559) 624-7300  
<http://www.tularecounty.ca.gov/registrarovoters/>

## **Tuolumne County**

(209) 533-5570  
[www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections](http://www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections)

## **Ventura County**

(805) 654-2664  
[venturavot.org](http://venturavot.org)

## **Yolo County**

(530) 666-8133 or (800) 649-9943  
[www.yoloelections.org](http://www.yoloelections.org)

## **Yuba County**

(530) 749-7855  
[www.yubaelections.org](http://www.yubaelections.org)

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To order:

☎ Call the Secretary of State's toll-free voter hotline at (800) 345-8683

💻 Visit [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)

🌐 Download an audio MP3 version at [www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/audio](http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/audio)

## Voter Registration

If you have already registered to vote, you do not need to reregister **unless** you change your name, home address, mailing address or if you want to change or select a political party.

You can register to vote online at [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](http://RegisterToVote.ca.gov). Or call the Secretary of State's free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683) to get a form mailed to you.

Voter registration forms can be found at most post offices, libraries, city and county government offices, county elections offices, and the California Secretary of State's Office.

## Voter Registration Privacy Information

**Safe at Home Confidential Voter Registration Program:** Certain voters facing life-threatening (i.e. domestic violence, stalking victims) situations may qualify for confidential voter status. For more information, contact the Secretary of State's Safe at Home program toll-free at (877) 322-5227 or visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/registries/safe-home>.

**Voter Information Privacy:** Information on your voter registration affidavit will be used by elections officials to send you official information on the voting process, such as the location of your polling place and the issues and candidates that will appear on the ballot. Commercial use of voter registration information is prohibited by law and is a misdemeanor. Voter information may be provided to a candidate for office, a ballot measure committee, or other person for election, scholarly, journalistic, political, or governmental purposes, as determined by the Secretary of State. Driver license and social security numbers, or your signature as shown on your voter registration card, cannot be released for these purposes. If you have any questions about the use of voter information or wish to report suspected misuse of such information, please call the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

# DATES TO REMEMBER!



## REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day!

### MAY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

#### May 9, 2016

First day to vote-by-mail.

#### May 23, 2016

Last day to register to vote.

#### May 31, 2016

Last day that county elections officials will accept any voter's application for a vote-by-mail ballot.

### JUNE

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

#### June 7, 2016

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**English:** (800) 345-VOTE (8683)

**TDD:** (800) 833-8683

**Español/Spanish:** (800) 232-VOTA (8682)

**中文/Chinese:** (800) 339-2857

**हिन्दी/Hindi:** (888) 345-2692

**日本語/Japanese:** (800) 339-2865

**ខ្មែរ/Khmer:** (888) 345-4917

**한국어/Korean:** (866) 575-1558

**Tagalog:** (800) 339-2957

**ภาษาไทย/Thai:** (855) 345-3933

**Việt ngữ/Vietnamese:** (800) 339-8163



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